
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 70

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ARMENIAN AFFAIRS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2.2-134 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby establish the Governor's Commission on Armenian Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

The Commission is classified as a gubernatorial advisory commission in accordance with Sections 2.2-134, 2.2-135, and 2.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia. The purpose of this Commission shall be to:

1. Advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Armenian Community and the Republic of Armenia.
2. Undertake studies, symposiums, research and factual reports in order to gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relative to the Commonwealth's relationship with the Republic of Armenia and shall advise the Governor regarding any and all cultural, educational and historical studies it pursues about the Armenia Nation and its Virginia-Armenian Community in order to educate the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia
3. Advise the Governor regarding mutual exchange of cultural and historical information between the citizens of the Commonwealth and citizens of the Republic of Armenia.

The Commission shall have 20 members, appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure. Mr. Bedros C. Bandazian shall serve as Chairman. The Governor may appoint additional members to the Commission at his discretion.

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. They may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties upon approval by the Governor's Chief of Staff or his designee.

Such staff support as is necessary for the conduct of the Commission's work during the term of its existence shall be furnished by the Office of the Governor and such other executive agencies as the Governor may designate. An estimated 500 hours of staff time will be required to support the commission. An estimated \$10,000 is required to support the work of the Commission. Such funding as is necessary for the term of the Commission's existence shall be provided from sources, including both private and appropriated funds, contributed or appropriated for purposes related to the work of the Commission, as authorized by Section 2.2-135(B) of the *Code of Virginia*. The Commission shall be able to apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public or private sources to enable it to better carry out its purposes for the Commonwealth of Virginia and its community.

This Executive Order shall be effective May 18, 2004 and shall remain in full force and effect until May 17, 2005, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order. Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 18th day of May 2004.

Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth